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Eagles Embrace New Web Building Technologies

The discontinuation of the Local Web Program (a full report can be found in the Resources section of our Members-Only site), has led Eagles across the jurisdiction to find success using more functional and feature-rich alternatives.

Orlando #3496 used Weebly to create a more modern website featuring dynamic menus, a bold new design, and lightbox-styled photo albums at no cost. "I searched several recommendations and found Weebly the easiest to develop," Orlando member Don Westfall said. "It was just basically a cut and paste operation and it went well. I found it to be easier than the current F.O.E. website developer." Visit http://foe3496.weebly.com to check it out.

Shawn McGill and Matt Brooks of Derby City #2173 in Louisville, Ky., cooperated on a new website featuring a clean, modern layout more beneficial to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, it also has a wealth of features that make it stand out in ways not possible under our previous web program. Visit http://www.derbycityeagles.com to see for yourself.

These are just a few of examples of what Eagles can accomplish with the latest free and enhanced web technologies. If you have questions, feel free to contact the Grand Aerie Marketing Department at marketing@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2210. We are happy to help you explore some of the best web offerings available. Remember, all changeovers must be made by June 1, 2013.

Two nephews and a niece of Josh Quinlan stand in the Quinlan family's garage to greet Eagle Riders members arriving to show support in the wake of Josh's accident.

Michigan Eagle Riders Groups Come Together In Support Of Family In Need

Strands of grass blew across the front yard. Each one powered by the blasts of air and the jarring roars exiting the pipes of the sea of motorcycles gathered outside the home of Mike and Angie Quinlan. The crowd may not have been related by blood, but, on this day, there was no doubt they were a family.

More than 50 members of the Michigan State Eagle Riders had arrived to present the Quinlan's with $1,110 in donations to assist however possible in the recovery of their son, Josh, who was severely burned in a work-related accident May 1.

The ride, organized by Howell member Cheryl "Sarge" Deziel, began at the Howell Eagles and made a stop at the Quinlan's Aerie/Auxiliary in Lapeer before finishing with a presentation at their home. The donation was but one of many in a long line of efforts by fellow F.O.E. members to show support for one of their own.

"Since about a week after the accident, they've been tremendous," Mike Quinlan said. "Josh's hospital room was literally filled with cards. We belong to several different groups in the community but nobody's shown us the support we've received from the Eagle Riders."

Josh, 27, suffered burns over 80% of his body – many of which were third-degree. The high percentage meant skin graft surgeries would have to be done using donor skin, exposing his body to the risk of rejection. Through it all, Mike and Angie remained at his side.

"We couldn't really afford to stay in a hotel long term," Mike said, "so we'd wake up, travel the 70 miles to Detroit to be with Josh and around 9 p.m. or so,

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Muskegon #668 leads Aerie Producers p. 2

From The Archives: December 1947

Magician Truxton Hosley casts a real spell over his audience at an Auburn Aerie party.

Christmas Party

By JOHN W. SHIELDS

Christmas comes but once a year, so the old saying goes, but Aeries make the most of it. Into the Christmas-tree-lit Aerie homes, a bounteous good time is had by unfortunate youngsters. For these kids - orphans, the needy, the invalid - Aerie Christmas parties are joyous and merry occasions, indeed.

Such parties have become a cherished Aerie tradition. The programs may vary, but the blithe spirit of the Yuletide is transcendant. There are entertainment, good things to eat, song and laughter. Some Aeries have floor shows. Others show movies. And some put on theater parties. There's always something to delight the young guests and thrill their young hearts.

Typical of the Christmas parties is that sponsored by Auburn, New York. This Christmas will mark the tenth annual party for the unfortunate youngsters of Auburn and vicinity. Ruddy-faced Santa Claus will be there. So will a host of Eagle city and county officials and Aerie officers and members. There will be ice cream, popcorn, nuts, candy, fruit and other goodies in abundance. There will be a floor show, with Truxton Hosley, one of the leading magicians of New York state, who pulls rabbits out of hats while the children gasp. There will be recitations, solos, assembly singing, and piano numbers by the children themselves. The Eagle band, in natty uniforms, will play.

So it will be throughout all Eagledom, good fun and high spirits, memorable occasions for the youngsters - and the oldsters, too.

HOSLEY PULLS a rabbit from the coat of John Taber, New York congressman.

Eagle Bill Scollin squires five dapper drum majorettes at a Christmas celebration.

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Top Producers/ New Leaders

As of Oct. 31

Aerie:

1. #668 Muskegon, MI	89
2. #351 Bemidji, MN	45
3. #3468 Mesa, AZ	43
4. #3531 Schoolcraft, MI	39
5. #844 Jeannette, PA	38
#4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ	38

Auxiliary:

1. #3531 Schoolcraft, MI	36
2. #950 London, OH	19
3. #2647 Prosser, WA	18
#2370 Canton, OH	18
5. #2436 Chagrin Falls, OH	17

Aerie (Individual):

1. Robert G. Schmidt	43
#3468 Mesa, AZ	
2. Larry Silverthorn	38
#351 Bemidji, MN	
3. Richard A. Cosner	23
#284 Bethlehem, PA	
4. Debbie Retterath	18
#703 Austin, MN	
James Weber	18
#895 Ironton, OH	

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Carole P. Eppley	9
#1562 Gettysburg, PA	
Linda Donaldson	9
#2051 Wellington, OH	
3. Shelia M. Dombroski	8
#24 Aberdeen, WA	
Norma Bisson	8
#430 Fostoria, OH	
5. Denise E. Walker	7
#3489 Taos, NM	
Susan K. Kean	7
#3531 Schoolcraft, MI	
Virginia L. Miklosovic	7
#4413 Carrollton, MI	

We Are People Helping People

California

-Roseville #1582 teamed with four dispatchers from the Roseville Police Department to raise $5,100 for the Roseville Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through a benefit spaghetti dinner, raffle and auction.

Florida

-Sisters Linda Goodwin and Kathy Viglas recognized a need for a Sunday evening meal at Port Orange #4089 and began making pizzas from scratch to feed the members and raise money for various local and F.O.E. charities. During the 2011 fiscal year, Goodwin, Viglas and their crew cooked 2,136 pizzas to raise $10,039 for charity.

Illinois

-Nina Jackson, Illinois Jr. Past Madam President, presented a check for $50,000 to benefit the Shriners Hospital of Chicago at this year's Illinois State Convention. Jackson was treated by Shriners for double scoliosis for 11 years as a child.

Kentucky

-Yellow Banks #4168 celebrated 25 years of People Helping People on Sept. 29 with a gathering at their Aerie. Charter members from the Aerie and Auxiliary received plaques for their dedication to the organization. Baskets of goodies were raffled off with proceeds benefiting the State Presidents' Charities.

Michigan

-Greenville #4321 recently held a pair of fundraisers for the local "Toys for Tots" organization. The events generated more than $1,000 which was used to purchase 20 bicycles for children. Greenville F.O.E. is an official drop off site for "Toys for Tots," the charity of Worthy President Scott Yeomans.

Minnesota

-Roseau Auxiliary #3882 recently donated more than $3,000 to its local Relay For Life chapter. Members of the Auxiliary worked hard throughout the year with various fundraisers to make the donation possible.

Ohio

-Hicksville #2556 held their first ever Poker Run earlier this year, raising $870 for the Crippled Children and Adults of Hicksville.

Pennsylvania

-Hanover #1406 donated $25,000 to the Guthrie Memorial Library to purchase new books, DVDs, CDs and other resources for citizens to borrow.

Missouri

-Marceline #726 hosted State and Regional Presidents and presented $4,215 in donations during the event. The group donated $3,765 to The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center, including $3,500 from their annual "Jennie's Run" Poker Run event in honor of Jennie Billups Burgener, who passed away at age 29 due to complications from diabetes. Marceline also gave $450 to the Vicki Welch Fund for Ovarian Cancer Awareness.

Texas

-Red River Valley #3864 recently played host to the Red River Valley Veterans Memorial Music Festival. During the event, members presented a donation of $1,300 to the memorial.

Utah

-Tooele #164 held a Dutch Oven Cook-Off, raising $300 for the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund.

Virginia

-Members of Petersburg #882 made an impact in their community by making needed improvements to the Temple Park pavilion. The pavilion floor previously sat almost 12 inches above the ground, causing a minor injury to an attendee of the previous year's Eagles' picnic. Members backfilled the space to prevent future injuries and installed a French drain to prevent water accumulation on the pavilion floor.

Washington

-Stevenson #1744 recently held its annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, raising more than $5,300 to benefit its scholarship fund.

North Central Region

-Joann Burkel, North Central Regional Chairperson for the Lew Reed Spinal Cord Injury Fund, served food at an auction sale held at her home Oct. 20, raising $997.14 for the fund.

2012 Operation Eagle Program

-Thanks to the hard work and generosity of Eagles, a total of $7,462.35 and several boxes of items were donated for the Operation Eagle program's seven recipients. Visit our Members-Only site for a full rundown.

People Helping People

While all items are published and shared electronically, space is limited in print. In an effort to provide a diverse offering of news items for our members each month, the largest and/or most unique donation from each State/Province we receive news from will be featured in our People Helping People section. Once each State/Province we have news from has been represented, we will begin to allow additional items.

Please keep in mind that all photos must be high-resolution and cannot be taken from a newspaper or a news outlet's website as the Grand Aerie does not have the right to use those photos.

As always, we welcome any questions or suggestions you might have. Please see the panel on page 2 for contact information.

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we'd go back home."

Almost every day, the Quinlan's would return home to a mailbox overflowing with cards and an answering machine maxed out with messages expressing sympathy, support and notice that yet another prayer would be said in Josh's name.

He began to defy the odds in recovery. Despite the severity of the burns, he suffered no infections. His body accepted the donor skin with no hesitation. A family who once doubted their son's chances of being released before Christmas was bringing him home after 46 days in the hospital.

"I was never a very religious person," Mike said, "but what I've seen happen to my son and how quick he's recovered, it's God's work. We've had the best burn doctors working on him and they're amazed at how quickly he progressed."

His early return inspired the ride to the Quinlan home, which included Eagles from Howell, Durand, Jackson, Ann Arbor, Mt. Clemens and Lapeer, where Mike and Angie are charter members of the Eagle Riders. The Lapeer Eagle Riders also assisted members of the Quinlan family in holding a spaghetti dinner event at the Aerie which raised $6,000 and were instrumental in rallying neighboring groups to join the cause.

"We've helped out with so many events in the past," Mike said, "but you never really think you'll be the one on the receiving end. It really opens your eyes."

Each day, the family sanitizes Josh's bathroom, changes and washes his sheets and helps him shower and change his dressings – a process which takes several hours. The bathroom must be heated to 102 degrees before showers to account for his body's inability to regulate extreme temperature change.

The Quinlans know things won't ever be the same and they're aware of the hurdles they face with rehabilitation and inevitable surgeries to correct mobility in Josh's joints, but they remain optimistic for the future.

"We're just happy to have our son," Mike said. "There's quite a long road still to travel, but he's home with us and we're thankful for that. I've shed a lot of tears since May. There's been tears of sorrow and tears of happiness and the ones that are happiness – those were mostly because of the Eagle Riders."

News & Notes

2012 Membership Survey Open Through Dec. 31

Once again, the Board of Grand Trustees is looking for your input in making The Fraternal Order of Eagles better. Every Eagle has a voice that deserves to be heard. Share yours by filling out the 2012 Membership Survey. The electronic version of the survey can be found on the Resources page of our Members-Only website. The deadline to participate is Dec. 31. The Grand Aerie is dedicated to making the F.O.E. even better but it can't be done without your help!

Eagles Make Fourth DRC Check Presentation

Several F.O.E. dignitaries gathered at the John and Mary Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building Oct. 29, to take a hard hat tour of the home of The F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center and make the organization's fourth donation presentation to the University of Iowa. A check for $4 million was presented, bringing the Eagles' total contribution to the university to $19 million through four years. Grand Worthy President Ron Stine, Grand Madam President Sally Villalva, Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary officers, faculty from the University of Iowa and our Face of Diabetes – 13-year-old Amanda Christ – came together for the opportunity to see the progress made thus far and celebrate the hard work of our membership four years into this tremendous fundraising effort. The balance of our commitment stands at $8 million, which includes the $6 million yet to be contributed to the university and the $2 million loan used to meet our 2011 goal which must be paid back.

Grand Aerie Headquarters Holiday Notice

The Grand Aerie Headquarters will be closed for the holidays the week of Dec. 24-28 and again on Jan. 1 to observe the New Year's Day holiday. Normal operating hours will resume Wednesday, Jan. 2. Please note: the Grand Aerie Headquarters will be open during regular hours on Monday, Dec. 31. If your Aerie/Auxiliary held an event to raise money during the holidays, feel free to share your news with us at marketing@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2210.

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Bulletin Contest

2013

Honoring the best communicators!

Rules

- Editors should enter the bulletin they consider their best from the months of October, November or December (2012)
- If the entry form is not included the submission will not be considered for judging.
- All Entries must be submitted by January 18, 2013, to the Grand Aerie Marketing and Communications Department.
- Judging will commence following the deadline and a winner will be announced on March 1, 2013.

Submission Categories

Traditional Entry Categories:

Class A Aerie/Auxiliary/Joint (up to 250 members)

Class B Aerie/Auxiliary/Joint (251 - 500 members)

Class C Aerie/Auxiliary/Joint (501-1000 members)

Class D Aerie/Auxiliary/Joint (over 1000 members)

State/Provincial Aerie/Auxiliary/Joint

Electronic Entry Categories:

Local Aerie/Auxiliary

State/Provincial Aerie/Auxiliary/Joint

Winners will receive a plaque presented at State/Provincial Conventions and recognition at this year's annual Convention!

Submission Deadline is January 18, 2013

Please send all submissions to:

Fraternal Order of Eagles ATTN: Bulletin Contest
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For a copy of the Bulletin Contest Entry Form, visit our Members-Only website.

Questions? Contact the Marketing & Communications Department at 614-883-2210 or by email at marketing@foe.com

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2013 ART CONTEST

RULES

- The competition is open to 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.
- The local Eagles Aerie/Auxiliary will send all completed entries to the Grand Aerie for judging. Entries from individuals or groups other than local Aeries/Auxiliaries will be disqualified.
- All entries from the local Aerie/Auxiliary must be received by the Grand Aerie by February 15, 2013.
- All entries become the property of the Grand Aerie F.O.E .
- The contest winners will be announced on March 15, 2013. Names of winners will be published online. The winners' sponsoring Aerie/Auxiliary will receive notification prior to the official announcement.
- Winning entries will be on display at the International Convention in July.

GUIDELINES

- Theme: My Hometown
- Contestants must submit artwork on paper no larger than 11 x 17
- Crayon, pen, watercolor and acrylic may be used. No oils or charcoal.
- An entry form must be filled out clearly and completely using the child's home address. The form must be attached to back of all art work submitted to the local Aerie/Auxiliary. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from contest.
- Sponsoring Aeries/Auxiliaries must provide contact information with children's submissions.
- Contest will be judged on basis of originality, relevance to theme, as well as artistic ability.
- Entries must be delivered to your local Aerie/Auxiliary to then be delivered to the Grand Aerie.

PRIZES

Best of Show - $500 ★ 1st Prize - $200 ★ 2nd Prize - $100 ★ 3rd Prize - $75 ★ 4th Prize - $50

(All prizes awarded at each grade level excluding best of show)

Visit our Members-Only site to download a copy of the Children's Art Contest Entry Form

Questions? Contact the Marketing & Communications Department at 614-883-2210 or by email at marketing@foe.com